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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 9 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--More particularly the process of the present invention includes the steps of sizing the slag; oxidizing the sized slag and then reducing the oxidized slag. The treated slag may then be subjected to steps such as acid leaching.--

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 9 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Accordingly the chloride process is a more popular process and is growing in popularity. The feedstock suitable for use in the chloride process usually needs to have a high TiO_2 content and needs to contain fewer impurities than those suitable for the sulphate process.--

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